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HM King receives head of diplomatic mission to Israel



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Ambassador Khaled Yousif Al Jalahma, on the issuance of the royal decree appointing him as the head of the diplomatic mission of Bahrain to Israel. The Ambassador was honoured to take the legal oath before HM the King. His Majesty congratulated Ambassador Al Jalahma, expressed his directives to him, wishing him success in promoting Bahrain's noble message of peace and the values of tolerance and peaceful coexistence.



Last update - 9:00 pm
29 June 2021

Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

1056575

(Second dose)

983247

(Booster dose)

76675

1,500 'dangerous' toys withdrawn from market



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Let's preserve our gains

HRH Prince Salman stresses importance of developing healthcare sector

Medical frontliners' dedication to fight COVID-19 lauded

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The pandemic is far from over so Bahrain's healthcare sector's innovation capabilities must continue to rise to the challenges presented both by COVID-19 and the serious economic repercussions from its spread.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, stressed the importance of continuously developing the Kingdom's healthcare sector and epidemic infrastructure. HRH was speaking at a remote meeting he chaired yesterday to review progress on the Kingdom's fight against the COVID-19. He held talks with Lt. Gen. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Supreme Council of Health (SCH) chairman and National Medical Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) head, Health Minister Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh, and members of the Primary Healthcare Centres Board



HRH Prince Salman chairs the online meeting

of Trustees. HRH Prince Salman noted that continued development of healthcare services will help the Kingdom preserve the gains made in the medical sector, improve its quality of services, and strengthen its Emergency Response Preparedness. His Royal Highness expressed his pride in the national healthcare sector's ability to cope with the demand of COVID-19 throughout the pandemic. He commended the dedication of all who worked on providing round-the-clock services across all nine of the Kingdom's health centres, and highlighted

the need to continue to support the SCH and Health Ministry as it continues to implement forward-looking health initiatives. His Royal Highness extended appreciation to citizens and residents for staying vigilant in following precautionary measures, getting vaccinated, and ensuring endurance as the world addresses unprecedented challenges. The health authorities expressed their appreciation for His Royal Highness's support towards the enhancement of the health and well-being of all Bahrainis, by ensuring the provision of effective healthcare services.

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HRH THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

Israel opens Embassy in UAE

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Israel's new Foreign Minister Yair Lapid inaugurated its Embassy in the UAE yesterday and offered an olive branch to other former adversaries, saying: "We're here to stay."

During his two-day visit, the first to the West Asian nation by an Israeli Cabinet Minister since the countries established ties last year, Lapid was also due to inaugurate a Consulate in Dubai and sign a bilateral deal on economic cooperation.

"Israel wants peace with its neighbours — with all its neighbours. We aren't going anywhere. The Middle East is our home," Lapid said during the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Abu Dhabi high-rise office serving as a temporary Embassy.

"We're here to stay. We call on all the countries of the region to recognise that," he said, according to a transcript.



Embassy of Israel inauguration

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Key 'driving force' for progress

HM King praised for supporting Bahraini youth's active participation in nation-building

● HRH Prince Salman gives them special attention at all levels: Al Saleh

● Shura Council celebrates annual International Day of Parliamentarism

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Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh has underlined His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's vision to enhance the Bahraini youth's active participation in nation-building.

Al Saleh stressed that all concerted efforts undertaken by the executive and legislative branches is a reflection of HM the King's belief in building youth as the "future force of a nation."

The Shura head made the remarks yesterday as Shura Council marked the International Day of Parliamentarism which falls on the 30th of June each year, under the title "Say Yes to Youth in Parliament."

He delivered a speech in which he praised the support of His Majesty to the legislative branch in the Kingdom.

Al Saleh said that HM the King believes in the important role played by the legislative branch in consolidating the foundations of the democratic process, enhancing the comprehensive de-



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



A Shura Council session in progress

“HM the King believes in the important role played by the legislative branch in consolidating the foundations of the democratic process, enhancing the comprehensive development and adopting Bahraini society issues, especially what meets the needs and aspirations of the youth, for a better future.”

- ALI BIN SALEH AL SALEH, SHURA COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



Chairman Al Saleh

of the youth, for a better future.

The Shura head noted that the government, headed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, promotes the work of youth and gave them special attention at all levels.

He pointed out to the most prominent projects which is the

launch of the National Employment Programme, in order to provide 25,000 jobs and 10,000 training opportunities during 2021.

Cable of congratulations

Also yesterday, HM the King received a cable of congratulations yesterday from Al Saleh on the observance of the global occasion.

Al Saleh extended sincere thanks and gratitude to His Maj-

esty for his constant follow-up on the work of the Shura Council in order to achieve the interests of Bahraini people, and continue the democratic and progress march during his prosperous era.

He asserted that the celebration of the International Day of Parliamentarism is a global recognition of the pivotal role played by parliaments, being among the essential pillars of democracy.

He pledged that the Shura

Council will continue assuming its role in strengthening the pillars of democracy, developing policies and legislation that enhance the kingdom's progress and consolidating the principles of coexistence, tolerance, harmony and love in order to rally ranks, prioritise national interests and meet the aspirations of the Bahraini people.

He prayed to Allah the Almighty to bless HM the King with abundant health and Bahrain with ever-lasting progress.

Democracy ushered in by royal reform

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Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal has affirmed that the reform project of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has ushered in a new historical phase that granted Bahrain a democratic experience worthy of the Kingdom's civilisational depth.

She added that this democratic experience reflects people's aspirations in a civil state based on solid legal foundations, sound institutions, an advanced modern constitution and a National Action Charter.

The Speaker was speaking in a dialogue forum held remotely yesterday marking the International Day of Parliamentarism.

The event was attended by Speaker of the UAE Federal National Council and President of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Un-



The online forum in progress

ion (AIPU) Saqr Gobash, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Abdellatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Shura Council First Deputy Chairman Jamal Mohammed Fakhro, Representatives Council First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman Ahmed, members of the Shura and Representa-

tives Councils, senior invitees and media persons.

Speaker Zainal asserted cooperation between the legislative and executive branches in the Kingdom regarding various issues to serve the national interest and achieve citizens' aspirations.

She pointed out the accomplishments brought about

through cooperation between the parliament and the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Speaker said that celebrating the International Day of Parliamentarism is an opportunity to shed light on the pivotal role played by the parliaments in serving people and their interests.

“Cooperation between the legislative and executive branches serves the national interest and achieve citizens' aspirations.”

- SPEAKER ZAINAL

LMRA Chief Executive receives Indian Ambassador



Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) Chief Executive Jamal Abdulaziz Al Alawi received Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Piyush Srivastava. Al Alawi stressed the key role played by the diplomatic missions in cooperating with the governmental bodies to raise awareness of the expatriate workforce of their rights and duties as well as the systems and laws that have to be taken into consideration. Al Alawi discussed issues related to the Indian labour force in Bahrain, stressing the Kingdom's efforts to further boost the work environment for the expatriate workers. Ambassador Srivastava praised the care given by the Kingdom to the Indian community.

Germany Ambassador meets TDT Chairman and CEO



Germany Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain Kai Boeckmann, centre, meets P Unnikrishnan, The Daily Tribune (TDT) Chairman and Managing Director, and Chief Executive Officer Abdul Jaleel Abdulla, right, as they discussed issues of mutual interest.

Labour Minister receives outgoing Sudanese Ambassador



Labour and Social Development Minister and Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA)'s Board of Directors' Chairman Jamil bin Muhammad Ali Humaidan received the outgoing Sudanese Ambassador Ibrahim Mohamed Al Hassan. Minister Humaidan praised the brotherly relations between the two countries, hailing the Ambassador's efforts in strengthening and developing these relations during his tenure in the Kingdom, wishing him success in his futur diplomatic mission.

Royal honour for a 'football legend'

HM King orders road to be named after Bahraini Ahmed Bin Salmeen for his 'innumerable achievements'



HM the King



HH Shaikh Nasser



Minister Al Moayed



Governor Al Mannai



Shaikh Salman

Road adjacent to Muharraq Club headquarters

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa was lauded for issuing a royal order to name a road adjacent to Muharraq Club headquarters after Ahmed bin Salmeen, the late player of the national football team and the Club.

HM the King yesterday sent a cable of condolences and sympathy to the family of the Bahraini football star.

His Majesty praised the contributions of Salmeen in serving the country and the Muharraq Club and the achievements he made in his career since the 1950's, noting that he left a rich football legacy for generations in the Kingdom.

HH Shaikh Nasser stressed that the royal order reflects HM the King's appreciation for prominent Bahraini personalities who have been dedicated in serving the kingdom and raising its banners at various gatherings, which applies to the late Ahmed bin Salmeen who was a sports legend with innumerable football achievements.

In appreciation of his role and dedication in the service of sports and Bahraini football, HM the King ordered to name the road with "Ahmed Bin Salmeen Road."

Great legacy

HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, extended sincere thanks and appreciation to His Majesty for his royal order.

HH Shaikh Nasser said that Bahrain is always proud of its



Salmeen ... his legacy will live forever

citizens who have left clear imprints and great legacy, adding that Salmeen was among the pioneers of football in Bahrain, and that his achievements will always be remembered.

Youth and Sport Affairs Minister Ayman bin Tawfeeq Al Moayed praised the initiative as a reflection of the royal keenness on paying homage and perpetuating the memory of those who provided great services to the sport movement in the kingdom, especially in football.

He added that Salmeen was a model to emulate in hard work to uphold the Kingdom's image in various gatherings.

Supporter of progress

Muharraq Governor Salman bin Hindi Al Mannai affirmed that the kind royal gesture is not surprising, noting that HM the King is the first athlete in the Kingdom, the supporter of the national progress march in all fields, and is always keen to honour the citizens who contribute to the country's leading role in culture, literature, politics and sports.

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) Secretary-General Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa said that the royal order embodies HM the King's constant support for the youth and sports movement in the Kingdom, as well as HM's appreciation for Bahrainis who have made sacrifices in



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order to serve and develop sports in Bahrain.

Shaikh Salman affirmed that the royal kind gesture will be a source of inspiration for the Bahraini football community.

Woman reports 'thief husband' to police

Man robbed medicines worth BD38,000 at Al Salmaniya Medical Complex pharmacy

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A woman reported her husband to the police for robbing medicines at Al Salmaniya Medical Complex pharmacy, where the man was working, it was revealed.

The woman accused her husband of distributing the stolen drugs to his family members and his friends as well as their neighbours. She gave the police pieces of drugs kept by her husband at their house.

As a result, an auditor was assigned to investigate the incident and it was discovered that the man robbed medicines worth BD38,000.

The incident landed another man serving at the same pharmacy in the police net as he was also involved in stealing medicines. Two other women were charged for failing to audit the drugs at the pharmacy.

All the four defendants were charged in connection with the case. The first and second defendants were sentenced to six months behind bars, while the two women were acquitted due to lack of evidence.

Stage set for online historical live auction



Abbasid Dinar



Golden Dinar

Golden Dinars from Byzantine Empire, Umayyad and Abbasid Caliphs to go under the hammer in Bahrain tomorrow

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Treasures of the Past for Antiques (Arados) will be hosting a historical live auction via Instagram tomorrow at 9pm, Bahrain time.

The auction will include the high-graded Golden Dinars in NGC Grading Company and the only one with this Mint State grade for the Umayyad Caliph Hisham Ibn Abdul Malik.

It will also include the Abbasid

Dinar for Al Mansur. It was heavily used in the Ancient Silk road for trade. This dinar influenced King of Mercia Offa to strike an imitation dinar with Arabic phrases and the phrase Offa Rex.

In addition, the auction will feature Sicilian coin for King William 1st (called Tari), which is an imitation of the Quarter Fatimid Dinar (also included in the auction).

Both coins are gold.

Abdulrahman Alamer, a member of Arados team, said that the auction gives collectors and investors an opportunity to buy rare collectibles and help raise the awareness and importance of history and knowledge sharing.

To participate in the auction, you can contact 38897188 or through the official Instagram page: @arados1



274,733 total number of buildings in Kingdom

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The total number of buildings in the Kingdom of Bahrain has reached 274,733, including 137,284 villas.

According to official statistics issued by the Information and eGovernment Authority (IGA), the buildings include 12,178 oriental houses and 7,540 traditional homes.

There are 70,602 buildings classified under the shop/store category, in addition to 7,753 institutional buildings and 4,253 buildings classified under the "others" category.

With regard to the type of ownership, the statistics show that 211,437 buildings are owned by individuals, 15,222



Residential unit buildings in the Kingdom

are owned by the private sector, and 38,953 buildings are owned by the public sector, in addition to 1,696 buildings for a common sector.

There are 199,594 residential unit buildings, or 72.6% of the total number of buildings, while there are 75,139 non-residential buildings, including 68,498 commercial buildings and 6,641 non-commercial buildings.

With regard to the distribution of buildings according to governorates, the statistics show that there are 84,421 buildings in the Capital Governorate, and 54,770 in Muharraq. The Northern Governorate tops the statistics with 84,982 buildings, while in the Southern Governorate, there are 50,560 buildings.

Works Minister receives UN-Habitat delegation



Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Issam bin Abdullah Khalaf received a delegation from the UN Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) Regional Office for Arab States, led by its Director Dr Erfan Ali. The meeting discussed a number of projects of common interest, and ways to intensify and strengthen aspects of bilateral cooperation and coordination, and to enhance efforts to develop cities and villages in Bahrain. The Minister praised the existing constructive cooperation that exists between Bahrain and UN Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat), that resulted in developing many cities and caring for heritage and historical sites, stressing that the Kingdom pays special attention to the principle of sustainable development as one of the most important pillars of comprehensive development in Bahrain.

Stage set for HRH Princess Sabeeka global award

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The United Nations Women, in partnership and cooperation with the Kingdom of Bahrain through the Supreme Council for Women, is organising a virtual event tomorrow to announce the start of preparation for the second edition of the Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Global Award for Women Empowerment.

It will also open the door for

submission of applications and nominations for the award that aims to demonstrate the impact of the efforts and contributions of governments, companies, civil society organisations and individuals in empowering women and girls around the world.

The event will be held within the programme of the "Generation Equality" forum jointly hosted by France and Mexico, and under the general supervision of the United Nations

Women. The award honours the efforts made in the areas of women's empowerment across four categories: public and private sectors, civil society organisations and individuals.

Those interested in participating in the award will be able to obtain all the necessary details through the "updated" website of the award www.womenglobalaward.org, starting on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

This global award comes

within the framework of Bahrain's endeavour, in cooperation with the international community represented by UN Women, to contribute to demonstrating the sustainable progress achieved in the field to ensure competitiveness and fair participation between sexes, disseminate the best effective methodologies and practices to enhance the status of women at the global level, and to contribute in highlighting the impor-

tance and feasibility of achieving sustainable development goals that are directly and indirectly related to the empowerment of women.

The main thrusts of the award, whose first session was launched in 2018, revolve around encouraging and appreciating national efforts in all countries of the world aimed at empowering women and creating a global platform for public appreciation of the achievements.



HRH Princess Sabeeka

1,500 'dangerous' toys withdrawn from market

High concentrations of 'antimony' pose risk to children's health, reports suggest

● Chemical elements exceed permissible limit

● Test reports received from GCC Health Council

● Ministry examining toys being sold in shops

● Bahrain to implement safety requirements



Some toys may contain high levels of harmful substances (images used for illustrative purposes only)

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Nearly 1,500 toys which pose a "danger" to children's health have been taken off the market in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Following field survey in shops conducted by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, it was found out that the toys contain materials that are potentially harmful to children's health and safety.

Shaikh Hamad bin Salman Al Khalifa, Assistant Undersecretary for Domestic and Foreign Trade at the Ministry, said that the Inspection and Metrology Department had received test reports for these products from the Health Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

states.

Inspection teams have discovered high concentrations of hazardous chemical elements, particularly antimony, in plastic toys that exceed the permissible limit.

Exposure to high levels of this substance for a long time may cause damage, including irritation and sensitivity to the eyes and the surrounding area, as well as irritation in the lungs.

Shaikh Hamad revealed that the Inspection and Measurements Department carried out a field survey on shops that sell kid products.

Around 1,500 children's makeup sets were withdrawn because they failed to meet the international health and safety guidelines.

Accordingly, the department examined and tested these products to verify their level of safety, and to ensure that they did not contain any chronically toxic substances that would harm the children's health.

The Ministry is stepping up its campaign and field surveys to examine toys being sold by shops in the Kingdom to ensure that they comply with the approved technical regulations and do not harm the users.

Shaikh Hamad said the shop owners were asked to adhere strictly to the regulations in importing toys by requesting the manufacturer to comply with the safety standards and requirements of the Gulf Technical Regulation for Children's Toys.

Compliance with the regulations means toys are safe for children, he added.

Shop owners were also reminded that installing the Gulf tracking code on toys and obtaining a Gulf model inspection certificate are among the most important requirements that prove the manufacturer's commitment to the regulations, which guarantee the safety and security of toys imported into the local markets.

Shaikh Hamad made it clear that the Inspection and Measurements Department will communicate with owners of the shops from which the products were withdrawn for the purpose of examination and testing.

eGovernment mobile application launched



The agreement-signing ceremony

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The Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA) signed a partnership agreement with CrediMax to launch the eGovernment Mobile application which will include a range of selected government electronic services with advanced features.

The signing of the agreement was attended by IGA Chief Executive Mohammed Ali AlQaed, CrediMax CEO Ahmed A Seyadi, IGA Deputy CEO, Electronic Transformation Dr Zakareya Ahmed AlKhajah, Ali Al Mishaal, Head of Digital Business and Innovation at CrediMax, in addition to other IGA officials.

The development of this new mobile application comes within the framework of IGA's keenness to meet the request of citizens and residents to provide a unified application that includes a range of government electronic payment services, especially primary services that are used frequently.

The application is expected to have the highest stand-

ards of safety measures in place to protect the personal data of users.

The Authority indicated that the expected eGovernment mobile application will include a set of innovative features, such as personalisation of services to make government interaction more personal and customised.

The app will provide users with an enhanced overall experience that is tailored to enable them to store and use their personal information and documentations and create a list of their favourite services.

It will also offer a speedy and unified payment service for government transactions along with providing the feature of displaying the history of payments done across all eGovernment channels.

The application will include the ability to send government notifications to users about their various transactions, provide an official digital document portfolio, and appointment booking services. Users can access the application and benefit from its various electronic services by logging in using their eKey credentials.

Man sentenced to five years in jail for assault

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A man who attacked a fellow Bahraini after he tried to protect his family was sentenced to five years in prison.

The victim reportedly suffered a 5% disability after he was attacked by the accused at a local park.

According to court files, the victim was with his wife and two children at the local park, and during their stay, one of his kids went to play with a cat. She was verbally assaulted by the defendant for no reason, prompting her mother to intervene, and she was also verbally attacked.

"When I saw the man

swearing at my wife and my child, I intercepted him. I asked him to stop swearing at them and talk to me. However, he punched my face and pushed me to the ground before he got over my body. He started hurling punches to my face," the victim told prosecutors.

The attack broke the victim's nose, which was considered a 5% permanent disability by a medical report, while he also survived several injuries.

Ironically, the defendant told the court that he was the one who was assaulted because he tried to stop the kid from inhumanely treating the cat.

Isa Town road development project completed

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning has completed the development of Road 1218 in Block 812 in Isa Town, between Doha Street in the east and Amman Street in the west, which is located within the second district of the Southern Governorate.

This project comes within the Ministry's infrastructure development programme to improve



The road is now well-paved and suitable for travel

services provided to citizens and residents and maintain the efficiency of the road network.

The project aims to reduce

traffic congestion on Street 77 (Ajwad Al Jabri), as it is used as an alternative and main entrance to the comprehensive

social services complex in Isa Town.

Works on the Road 1218 project included the construction of a rainwater drainage network and brick sidewalks to provide the largest number of car parking spaces, and the paving of the road with a new asphalt layer. It provides all traffic safety requirements such as signs and ground lines.

The project was implemented by the contractor, Abdul Hadi Al Afwa Company LLC.



Exposure to high levels of this substance for a long time may cause damage, including irritation and sensitivity to the eyes and the surrounding area, as well as irritation in the lungs.



Antimony, an obscure metal, is widely used in consumer products. It also turns up in baby bibs, children's shoes and clothes, and toys and games. Chemical compounds based on antimony are used as pigments - one of them, antimony trioxide, is also used as a flame retardant in textiles and plastics.

Durrat Marina, Tamcon sign deal to develop residential plots

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Durrat Marina, one of the Kingdom's leading marina-based real estate development projects, announced signing an agreement with Tamcon, a Bahrain-based grade AA civil and building construction company, for developing 18 villas on residential plots within its master plan.

The agreement was signed on Durrat Marina grounds by Waleed Saffy, CEO of Durrat Marina and Abdulla Alabbasi, CEO of Tamcon in the presence of Othman Janahi, the CIO of Durrat Marina.

The agreement will result in a strip of 18 residential villas on plots of approximately 310



Officials during the deal signing

sqm. Development works are to complete within 24 months from groundbreaking.

Phase one of this marina is already operational, serving several yachts and boat owners. CEO of Durrat Marina, Engi-

neer Waleed Saffy, said, "The key elements in the initial phase of Durrat Marina's development, including seafront villas, residential apartments, a yacht club, and a vibrant marina were all launched, rapidly sold, and

delivered. Today, we are excited to see a new phase of residential units being designed and developed."

CEO of Tamcon, Abdulla Alabbasi, said, "The new residential zone in Durrat Marina covers a total area of approximately 5,600 sqm, in a location which is perfectly situated to integrate with the key commercial and leisure components of the overall Durrat Marina project."

It is worth noting that Durrat Marina is one of the largest waterfront developments in Bahrain. The project, comprised of three interconnecting islands, is valued at approximately US \$ 1.5 billion and boasts open sea façades.

Gulf Air names two Bahrainis in Executive Roles



Adnan Hashim, CFO

Jamal AlKuwaiti, Director HR

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Gulf Air yesterday announced naming two Bahrainis in executive and management roles in line with its commitment to invest in the Bahraini workforce.

Adnan Hashim is the new Chief Financial Officer, and Jamal AlKuwaiti the Director of Human Resources.

Adnan Hashim brings with him more than 25 years of experience in the banking and finance industry. He was the Chief Financial Officer of Aluminium Bahrain, and before that held the same role at NCB Capital. Hashim sat on numerous boards, executive committees, audit committees and compensation and governance committees of various financial institutions. He was also the Chairman of ACCA Members' Advisory Committee, Bahrain.

Jamal AlKuwaiti has more than two decades of working

experience, of which 15 years were in the human resources management field. He brings to Gulf Air diverse professional human resources experience from government, semi-government and private sectors, including Aluminium Bahrain and Azadea retail group.

Gulf Air's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Captain Waleed AlAlawi, said: "At Gulf Air, we are committed to hiring the best Bahraini talents with rich experience into the executive management team. Bahrain is known for its highly educated and experienced pool of talents, and Gulf Air will always prioritise Bahrainis for job opportunities whether in executive roles or at entry levels".

He added: "I welcome Hashim and AlKuwaiti to the Gulf Air family, and I am sure they will be up for the challenge in working for a global and multinational airline with such legacy and heritage".

Edamah announces two boutique hotels, beach club at Bilaj Al Jazayer

● MSCEB appointed lead consultant

● The new properties will be the first hospitality offerings in the area

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Bahrain Real Estate Investment Company (Edamah), the real estate arm of Mumtalakat Holding Company, announced the development of two four-star boutique hotels and a beach club at Bahrain's iconic beachfront development, Bilaj Al Jazayer.

Mohammed Salahuddin Consulting Engineering Bureau (MSCEB) is the lead consultant for the design and supervision of the Bilaj Al Jazayer Hotels and Beach Club project, which is set to turn the southwest region of Bahrain into a major tourist hub.

The new properties will be the first hospitality offerings in the area.

1.5 million square metres

Bilaj Al Jazayer occupies approximately 1.5 million square metres in area with the initial phases of the master-planned community to include the upgraded beach and a beachfront boulevard with hospitality, retail and restaurant offerings. The renovation of the first part of the three-kilometre-long beach is now complete, with design works in progress for the second stage.

Edamah CEO Amin Alarrayed said, "The Bilaj Al Jazayer development is one of the most exciting projects in our portfolio, which will transform Bahrain's much-loved beach into a world-class waterfront destination and tourist attraction. Along with the launch of our new corporate brand, which reinforces our commitment for Bahrain through inspired projects, we are pleased to unveil plans for two new beachfront hotels and a beach club for day visitors. With the nearby Bahrain International Circuit and other attractions, the area offers significant tourism potential, and this development will set the stage for future investment in holiday residences and commercial, re-



Edamah CEO Amin Alarrayed and MSCEB MD Architect Thamer Salahuddin during the signing with other officials



Bilaj Al Jazayer beach boulevard



Bilaj Al Jazayer boutique Hotel

Launches new corporate brand

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Bahrain Real Estate Investment Company (Edamah), the real estate arm of Mumtalakat Holding Company, unveiled its new corporate brand to highlight its growth plans for the Kingdom's real estate sector and further connect with its audiences.

The new visual identity was created in partnership with Unisono, a Bahrain-based leader in strategic brand development. The core visual identity symbolises Edamah's evolution and expresses the creative essence of the brand within a professional and corporate aesthetic.

Edamah CEO Amin Alarrayed said, "Our new brand identity reflects the dynamic new phase we are entering and affirms our commitment to our investors, the public, and other stakeholders to 'Build for Bahrain'."

He added, "We are proud of how far we have come, and as we map out our ambitious future plans, we are excited to deliver new projects that inspire and elevate lifestyles. Our innovative, market-led solutions are aimed at promot-

tail, and entertainment facilities adjacent to the property."

MSCEB Managing Director Architect Thamer Salahuddin said, "We are excited to partner



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EDAMAH CEO AMIN ALARRAYED



Edamah

ing economic growth and creating value for local communities through developments that meet the country's needs."

The comprehensive brand transformation started with Unisono's signature "Why™" workshop, a series of engaging and collaborative sessions where key stakeholders participated in exercises that helped unearth the brand's current challenges, future potential, and true personality.

Unisono Executive Creative Director, Liam Farrell said, "This marks the start of a new

project which will serve the Bahraini people and the economy by creating new diversified lifestyle offerings. Our extensive

era for Edamah, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds as it leads the next stage of growth in the Kingdom's real estate landscape."

Edamah's extensive portfolio comprises retail, commercial, and leisure properties across Bahrain such as Bilaj Al Jazayer, a unique destination project reminiscent of Miami Beach; the five-star Jumeirah Gulf of Bahrain Resort and Spa; and Sa'ada, a four-phase mixed-use development that aims to restore Muharraq's ancient connection to the sea.

local expertise will inform the creative process to ensure that the development meets the expectations of local, regional, and international tourists."

Dubai at 3-week low on COVID jitters

Reuters

Dubai's stock market slipped to a three-week low yesterday on fear that new coronavirus outbreaks would disrupt recovery of the travel and tourism hub of the Middle East, though Abu Dhabi shares overcame their earlier weakness to close higher.

The United States on Monday raised its COVID 19-related travel advisory for the United Arab Emirates to "level 4 - do not travel".

Dubai's main share index dropped 0.4%, with Emirates NBD Bank losing 1.1% and blue-chip developer Emaar Properties declining 0.7%.

Abu Dhabi's index inched up 0.2%, led by First Abu Dhabi Bank, the country's largest lender, which added 0.5%. International Holding Co (IHC) continued its winning streak to rise 0.4%.

IHC became Abu Dhabi's most valuable listed company after the listing of Alpha Dhabi

Closing Bell

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| SAUDI | ▲ 0.4% to 10,996 |
| ABU DHABI | ▲ 0.2% to 6,763 |
| DUBAI | ▼ 0.4% to 2,828 |
| QATAR | ▲ 0.7% to 10,749 |
| EGYPT | ▼ 1.5% to 10,123 |
| BAHRAIN | ▲ 0.6% to 1,596 |
| OMAN | ■ at 4,058 |
| KUWAIT | ▲ 0.1% to 7,057 |

Holding on Sunday, in which IHC holds a 45% stake.

However, the COVID 19 jitters sent shares in Abu Dhabi National Hotels 0.8% lower.

Saudi Arabia's benchmark index rose 0.4%, with Saudi Telecom Co climbing 1.4% after it received the nod for an initial public offering of its unit.

Outside the Gulf, Egypt's index skidded 1.5%, led by a sell-off in blue-chip stocks. Commercial International Bank and Abu Qir Fertilizer dropped over 2% each.

Reliance and ADNOC join forces in chemical project

Reuters | New Delhi, Dubai

2022.

A source familiar with the matter said the project could cost \$2.1 billion.

The planned project at TA'ZIZ Industrial complex will have a capacity to produce 940,000 tonnes of chlor-alkali, 1.1 million tonnes of ethylene dichloride and 360,000 tonnes of PVC annually, the statement said.

Reliance and ADNOC had signed a memorandum of understanding in 2019 to build Ethylene Dichloride facility in Ruwais.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

NEVER LET THE FEAR OF STRIKING OUT KEEP YOU FROM PLAYING THE GAME
BABE RUTH

News in brief

Sputnik V less effective against Delta variant

◆ **Russia's Sputnik V vaccine against COVID-19 has been shown to be less effective against the highly contagious Delta variant.** TASS news agency reported on Tuesday, citing the vaccine's developers.



China to pause squid fishing in Pacific, Atlantic breeding grounds

◆ **China has announced a temporary ban on its fishing fleet -- the world's biggest -- from catching squid in parts of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans after overfishing pushed populations to the brink of collapse.** China reels in as much as 70 percent of the global squid catch, and its vessels sail as far as West Africa and Latin America to sate the growing appetite for seafood in the country. But Chinese vessels will suspend operations in major global squid spawning grounds in the southwest Atlantic near Argentina from Thursday until September 30, and parts of the Pacific from September to November, the agriculture ministry said Monday.

An American father-son duo told a Tokyo court Tuesday

Ghoshn accomplices tell court they 'regret' escape role



◆ **they now "regret" their role in helping former Nissan chief Carlos Ghosn jump bail and flee Japan, local media reported.** Former special forces operative Michael Taylor and his son Peter face up to three years in prison for their part in helping smuggle Ghosn onto a private jet in an audio equipment case so he could fly to Lebanon, which has no extradition agreement with Japan. Local media said the two Americans, who have admitted the allegations against them, bowed deeply in court after offering contrition. Michael Taylor said Ghosn and his wife Carole had claimed that disappearing while on bail was "not a crime" in Japan, national broadcaster NHK reported.



The judge in the trial of deposed Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday

◆ **rejected a motion to dismiss evidence central to a case that could see her jailed for up to two years for incitement, her legal team said.** Nobel Peace laureate Suu Kyi, 76, has been held in detention since the military overthrew her elected civilian government on Feb. 1. She is accused of a series of offences ranging from bribery and violating coronavirus protocols to illegally possessing two-way radios and incitement to commit crimes against the state - allegations her lawyers reject. Her legal team

Myanmar judge denies motion to dismiss evidence against Suu Kyi

held in detention since the military overthrew her elected civilian government on Feb. 1. She is accused of a series of offences ranging from bribery and violating coronavirus protocols to illegally possessing two-way radios and incitement to commit crimes against the state - allegations her lawyers reject. Her legal team head Khin Maung Zaw told Reuters the prosecution had entered evidence he believed was inadmissible, but the judge allowed it. The evidence includes letters the prosecution says were issued by Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party in the days after the coup which were widely shared on social media. One urged embassies not to recognise the junta, among several documents that Khin Maung Zaw said were signed by neither Suu Kyi nor her co-defendants, ousted President Win Myint and former Naypyitaw mayor Myo Aung.

Biden says he hopes to meet with Israel's new prime minister soon



Biden meets with Israel's President Reuven Rivlin at the White House in Washington

Reuters | Washington

US President Joe Biden, in a meeting on Monday with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, said his commitment to Israel is "iron-clad" and he looks forward to meeting with new Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett soon.

Biden, in his first meeting as president with a top Israeli official, also said Iran would not come to possess a nuclear weapon under his watch.

"My commitment to Israel is ... iron-clad," Biden told Rivlin at the start of their meeting in the Oval Office. He said the two officials would discuss a range of topics, including Iran.

"What I can say to you is that Iran will never get a nuclear weapon on my watch," Biden said.

Biden also underscored his support for Israel's agreement to normalise relations with other countries in the Middle East, and said Israel was making headway in Africa as well.

US troops come under fire in Syria after strikes against Iran-backed militias

Reuters | Washington

US troops came under rocket fire in Syria on Monday, but escaped injury, in apparent retaliation for weekend US air strikes against Iran-aligned militia in Syria and Iraq.

A US military spokesman said US forces had responded to the multiple rockets by firing back at the positions in self-defence.

"There are no (US) injuries and damage is being assessed," Colonel Wayne Marotto said, referring to the rocket attack. He did not say who was responsible for the attack on US troops.

Sources in Deir al Zor, in eastern Syria, said an Iranian-backed militia group had fired a few artillery rounds in the vicinity of al Omar oil field, which is controlled by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces.

Five Indian drugmakers to jointly start trial of Merck & Co's COVID-19 drug

Reuters

Five Indian generic drugmakers, including Cipla and Dr Reddy's Laboratories, said yesterday they would jointly conduct a clinical trial of Merck & Co's anti-viral drug to treat mild COVID-19 in non-hospitalised patients in India.

Between March and April, each of these companies, which also include Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Torrent Pharmaceuticals and privately held Emcure Pharmaceuticals, partnered with Merck to expand production of the drug, molnupiravir.

The partnership gives the companies license to supply molnupiravir to India and more than 100 low- and middle-income countries following approvals or emergency authorization by local regulatory agencies, Merck said in late April.

Yesterday, the Indian companies said they will jointly sponsor, supervise and monitor the clinical trial in the country, expected to take place



between June and September this year in 1,200 patients.

They will then independently approach regulatory authorities for approval to manufacture and supply the drug in India.

Molnupiravir is an antiviral therapy Merck is developing with Ridgeback Biotherapeutics for the treatment of non-hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

Coronavirus cases in India have declined from a devastating peak in April and May. However, health experts have said that the country should brace for a third wave by October.

Greece recovers Picasso, Mondrian

Reuters | Athens

Greece has recovered works of art by Pablo Picasso and Piet Mondrian, stolen from its National Gallery in 2012, authorities said yesterday.

Thieves broke into the gallery and snatched Picasso's 1939 painting "Woman's Head", donated by the Spanish artist in 1949, and Dutch painter Mondrian's "Mill" dated 1905.



To mislead the guard, the thieves had activated the gallery's alarm system sev-

The paintings "Woman's Head" by Pablo Picasso and "Mill" by Piet Mondrian, stolen from the National Gallery in 2012, are displayed during a press conference at the Citizen Protection in Athens, Greece,

UN backs probe into 1988 killing

● **Javid Rehman, UN expert on Iran, criticises conduct of election**

● **Urges independent inquiry into alleged 1988 killing of thousands**

● **Tells Reuters probe must establish role of President-elect Raisi**

● **Iran has never acknowledged the mass executions in Khomeini era**

Reuters | Geneva

The UN investigator on human rights in Iran has called for an independent inquiry into allegations of state-ordered executions of thousands of political prisoners in 1988 and the role played by President-elect Ebrahim Raisi as Tehran deputy prosecutor.

Javid Rehman, in an interview with Reuters on Monday, said that over the years his office has gathered testimonies and evidence. It was ready to share them if the United Nations Human Rights Council or other body sets up an impartial investigation.

He said he was concerned at



Iran's President-elect Ebrahim Raisi speaks at a press conference.

Raisi succeeds Hassan Rouhani on Aug. 3, having secured victory this month in an election marked by voter apathy over economic hardships and political restrictions.

reports that some "mass graves" are being destroyed as part of a continuing cover-up.

"I think it is time and it's very important now that Mr. Raisi is the president (-elect) that we start investigating what happened in 1988 and the role of individuals," Rehman said from London, where

COVID-19 Countries worst affected

| Country | Total cases | Total deaths | Global tally |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1 USA | 34,511,668 | 619,595 | 182,288,885 |
| 2 India | 30,316,897 | 397,668 | |
| 3 Brazil | 18,448,402 | 514,202 | |
| 4 France | 5,770,530 | 111,012 | 3,947,726 |
| 5 Russia | 5,493,557 | 134,545 | |
| 6 Turkey | 5,414,310 | 49,634 | Recovered: 166,839,554 |
| 7 UK | 4,755,078 | 128,103 | |
| 8 Argentina | 4,423,636 | 93,142 | New cases: +100,706 |
| 9 Italy | 4,258,456 | 127,500 | |
| 10 Colombia | 4,187,194 | 105,326 | New deaths: +1,964 |
| 11 Spain | 3,792,642 | 80,789 | |
| 12 Germany | 3,734,812 | 91,336 | |
| 13 Iran | 3,192,809 | 84,127 | |
| 14 Poland | 2,879,811 | 75,005 | |

Figures as of closing

Middle East

| Country | Total cases | new cases | Total deaths | New Deaths | Total recovered | Active cases |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Egypt | 280,770 | | 16,125 | | 210,482 | 54,163 |
| Saudi Arabia | 486,106 | +1,567 | 7,804 | +15 | 466,578 | 11,724 |
| UAE | 631,160 | +2,184 | 1,807 | +5 | 609,711 | 19,642 |
| Kuwait | 353,133 | | 1,943 | | 332,678 | 18,512 |
| Oman | 266,536 | +2,234 | 3,056 | +43 | 233,287 | 30,193 |
| Qatar | 221,810 | | 588 | | 219,478 | 1,744 |



Iran has never acknowledged that mass executions took place under Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the revolutionary leader who died in 1989.



Few images are as stark as one of an execution under Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini were lined up on a dirt field banned from Iran by Khomeini, which meant it was denied representation in Khomeini's government. One image, with bodies crumpled on the ground, was picked up by the news service UPI. The following year, Firing Squad in Iran was a photograph. (Courtesy of 100photos.time.com)

1905

In Russia, the "Potemkin" arrives at Odessa, where sailors take the bodies of dead crewman ashore; sailors join civilians in revolutionary actions of the '1905 Revolution'

A giant fireball, most likely caused by the air burst of a large meteoroid or comet flattens 80 million trees near the Stony Tunguska River in Yeniseysk Governorate, Russia, in the largest impact event in recorded history

1908 1934

"Night of Long Knives" - Adolf Hitler stages a bloody purge of the Nazi party



1938

Superman 1st appears in DC Comics' Action Comics Series issue #1

Mondrian paintings stolen in 2012



nd "Mill" by Piet Mondrian, both stolen from Greece's presentation to members of the media at the Ministry of

eral times before breaking into the building early in the morning.

The guard turned off the alarm only to spot one of the thieves through the motion detector.

On Monday, authorities arrested a 49-year-old Greek man who confessed that he had stolen the paintings and led police to a forest outside Athens where he had hidden them, the Citizens' Protection Ministry said yesterday.

Footage handed out by police from the site showed one of the paintings sealed in a package sitting under the bushes.

The arrested man said

a sketch by Italian painter Guglielmo Caccia, donated to the gallery in 1907 and also stolen in 2012, had been destroyed, the ministry said.

At a joint news conference with Citizens' Protection Minister Michalis Chrisochoidis, Culture Minister Lina Mendoni bore an inscription of the painter to the Greek people for their fight against fascism.

"That is the reason why it was impossible for the painting not only to be sold but also to be exhibited anywhere," Mendoni said.

Probe into Iran's Raishi's role



during a news conference in Tehran, Iran

he teaches Islamic law and international law.

A probe was in the interest of Iran and could bring closure to families, he said, adding: "Otherwise we will have very serious concerns about this president and the role, the reported role, he has played historically in those executions."

Raisi, a hardline judge, is under US sanctions over a past that includes what the United States and activists say was his involvement as one of four judges who oversaw the 1988 killings. Amnesty International has put the number executed at some 5,000, saying in a 2018 report that "the real num-

ber could be higher".

Raisi, when asked about allegations that he was involved in the killings, told reporters: "If a judge, a prosecutor has defended the security of the people, he should be praised ... I am proud to have defended human rights in every position I have held so far."

Rehman said: "We have made communications to the Islamic Republic of Iran because we have concerns that there is again a policy to actually destroy the graves or there may be some activity to destroy evidence of mass graves."

"I will campaign for justice to be done," he added.

ARRESTS, INTIMIDATION

Raisi succeeds Hassan Rouhani on Aug. 3, having secured victory this month in an election marked by voter apathy over economic hardships and political restrictions. Rehman denounced what he called "deliberate and manipulative strategies adopted to exclude moderate candidates and to ensure the success of a particular candidate".

"There were arrests, journalists were stopped from asking specific questions about the background of the presidential candidate Mr Raisi and there was intimidation towards any issues that were raised about his previous role and background."

"The scale of executions that we hear imply that it was a part of a policy that was being pursued... It was not just one person," Rehman said.

He said there had also been "no proper investigation" into the killing of protesters in Nov. 2019, the bloodiest political unrest since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

"Even by conservative estimates we can say that more than 300 people were killed arbitrarily, extrajudicially, and nobody has been held accountable and no compensation," he said.

"There is a widespread and systemic impunity in the country for gross violations of human rights, both historically in the past as well as in the present."



n. On August 27, 1979, 11 men who had been convicted of being "counterrevolutionary" by the regime of Iranian ruler Ayatollah d at Sanandaj Airport and gunned down side by side. No international journalists witnessed the killings. They had been t was up to the domestic press to chronicle the bloody conflict between the theocracy and the local Kurds, who had been ent. The Iranian photographer Jahangir Razmi had been tipped off to the trial, and he shot two rolls of film at the executions. nd and another man moments from joining them, was published anonymously on the front page of the Iranian daily Ettela'at. ionary Council appeared at the paper's office and demanded the photographer's name. The editor refused. Days later, the and trumpeted in papers around the world as evidence of the murderous nature of Khomeini's brand of religious government. awarded the Pulitzer Prize—the only anonymous winner in history. It was not until 2006 that Razmi was revealed as the (m)

India discusses Covishield, EU travel issues with top official



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with High Representative of EU Josep Borrell Fontelles

● India's EU envoy assures there is no ban on Covishield

● The European Medicines Agency had approved only four vaccines -- Comirnaty of Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, Vaxzervria by AstraZeneca-Oxford and, Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

TDT | agencies

India has taken up the issue of inclusion of Covishield in the European Union COVID-19 Vaccination Passport, which External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar promised to follow up.

As of now, The European Medicines Agency had approved only four vaccines -- Comirnaty of Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, Vaxzervria by AstraZeneca-Oxford and, Johnson & Johnson's Janssen.

Meaning, only those inoculated with these vaccines will be given vaccination passports and allowed to travel within the EU during the pandemic.

Those who took the Covishield jabs, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, are unlikely to be eligible to travel to the European Union member states under the "Green Pass" scheme as the vaccine is yet to be cleared by the EMA.

Jaishankar, who met Josep Borrell Fontelles, the High Representative of the European Union, on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Italy, said he held a comprehensive review of India's relationship with the EU.

"Discussed vaccine production and access. Took up 'Covishield' authorisation for travel to Europe. Will be following up," Jaishankar tweeted.

No ban on Covishield! Meanwhile, European Union Ambassador to India, Ugo Astuto, yesterday clarified there was no ban on India's Covishield vaccine.

He said the new system set up by the European Union is to facilitate travel within the Union.

"This certificate is proof that a person is vaccinated against COVID or received a negative test or recovered from COVID-19. So this is meant as a facilitator, but it is not a precondition for travel," he added.

For example, Astuto said, people who are not vaccinated should still be allowed to travel, subject to the usual restrictions like testing, quarantine, self-isolation measures related to covid health policy.

The certificate aims to facilitate free movement inside the Union. It is not a pre-condition to travel, it has been clarified.

Vaccine options According to the report, member states of the EU will have the option to accept vaccinations that have been authorised by the World Health Organization, including Covishield manufactured by India's Serum Institute.

On Monday, Serum CEO and owner Adar Poonawalla assured Indians who have taken Covishield doses and are now facing issues while travelling to European Union countries that the matter had been escalated to the 'highest level'.

"I realise that a lot of Indians who have taken COVISHIELD are facing issues with travel to the EU. I assure everyone, I have taken this up at the highest levels and hope to resolve this matter soon, both with regulators and at a diplomatic level with countries," he tweeted.

Approves Moderna's vaccine for emergency use

India yesterday authorised the emergency use of Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine as it seeks to ramp up its vaccination drive in the wake of a record-breaking surge in infections and deaths.

Moderna's shot is the fourth to be approved by New Delhi after Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covishield and Covaxin, which was developed by Indian firm Bharat Biotech, and Russia's Sputnik V.

"I am pleased to inform that an application received from Moderna through an Indian partner of theirs, Cipla, has been granted EUA (Emergency Use Authorisation)," a member of government advisory body NITI Aayog, Vinod K. Paul, said at a health ministry briefing.



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TWEETS

01



A shadow pandemic has thrived alongside #COVID19. This week at the #GenerationEquality Forum I will urge leaders to join in a global initiative to end the violence & fear that threaten so many women & girls.

@antonioguterres

02



The last few days have witnessed stupendous performances by our archers at the World Cup. Congratulations to @Im-DeepikaK, Ankita Bhakat, Komalika Bari, Atanu Das and @archer_abhishek for their success, which will inspire upcoming talent in this field.

@narendramodi

03



PM Bennett: "This is the bottom line: Vaccines instead of lockdown, masks instead of restrictions. We can win without limitations, without narrowing our steps. Masks and vaccines, and with G-d's help, we will win together."

@IsraeliPM

04



Vaccines save lives. New data shows our vaccination programme has prevented an estimated 7.2 million infections and 27,000 deaths in England alone. Thank you to everyone involved in this national effort and keep coming forward for both your doses.

@BorisJohnson

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Philippines' Duterte challenges Pacquiao to expose corruption

● The comments were the latest chapter in a surprise war of words between the president and Pacquiao

Reuters | Manila

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte said on Monday that Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao should name corrupt government offices to prove that the boxer-turned-lawmaker is not just politicking ahead of a presidential election next year.

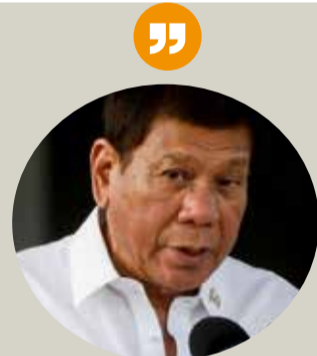
The comments were the latest chapter in a surprise war of words between the president and Pacquiao who is seen as being among his strongest backers and a possible successor when the single six-year term he is allowed expires next June.

The firebrand Philippine leader said Pacquiao had criticised corruption in his government and threatened to expose



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EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO



I'm not saying there is no corruption, so expose it. If you don't do that, I will expose you daily as a liar ... I know you from way back

RODRIGO DUTERTE

the boxing champion as a liar.

"I'm not saying there is no corruption, so expose it," Duterte said in a televised late night national address. "If you don't do that, I will expose you daily as a liar ... I know you from way back."

Using an expletive in his strongest language yet against Pacquiao, Duterte said if he did not reveal corruption, he would be "playing politics".

In a statement, Pacquiao said he accepted Duterte's challenge, but said it was disheartening

that they were fighting over the issue of corruption.

"I had mistakes in life that I corrected but I can hold on to two things. I am not corrupt and a liar," Pacquiao said on Tuesday.

Pacquiao, 42, has long been among Duterte's strongest supporters, backing his bloody war on drugs and bid to re-introduce the death penalty. The eight-division champion has yet to announce his presidential bid.

Early this month, Duterte criticised Pacquiao's "shallow" foreign policy knowledge, after the senator said he found the leader's stand on the South China Sea as "lacking" and "disheartening".

Duterte remains popular in the Philippines. Political allies are urging him to run as vice president when his term ends. His daughter - a long term aide - is also seen among his possible successors.

Police, Palestinians clash as Israel begins demolition in Jerusalem's Silwan



A Palestinian man uses his mobile phone as he stands near the debris of a shop that Israel demolished in the Palestinian neighbourhood of Silwan in East Jerusalem

Reuters | Jerusalem

Israel demolished a Palestinian shop in the East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Silwan yesterday, triggering scuffles between police and protesters who accused authorities of discriminatory enforcement of building permits in the holy city.

Palestinians seek East Jerusalem, which Israel captured in a 1967 war, for a future state. A bulldozer escorted by Israeli police flattened Harbi Rajabi's butchers shop in the neighbourhood which is overlooked by the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest shrine in Islam and the most sensitive site in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The shop is one of at least eight properties that residents said were slated for demolition. The residents say many have been there for decades, even from before 1967. The authorities have earmarked the land for a park and say the shops and homes have been built illegally.

Mahmoud Basit who runs the butchers said 14 family members depended on income from there. "We have no other way to support our families," said Basit, who added he would have to look for new work from scratch.

Deputy Jerusalem Mayor Arieh King said "around 20" buildings in Silwan - which Israel refers to by its Hebrew name Shiloach - had received demolition orders. Around another 60 buildings there were in violation of Israeli zoning laws, he said.

Palestinians in Silwan say

it is near-impossible to get building permits. They see the demolitions as designed to drive them from Jerusalem. Disputing this, King said the municipality had approved hundreds of new Palestinian homes in Silwan.

Palestinian medics said 13 people were injured in Tuesday's confrontations in Silwan. Police said two officers were hurt by stone-throwers and that three people were arrested for disorderly conduct and assault.

The municipality had given Palestinian until June 28 to dismantle the structures themselves. King said the land would be cleared to make way for the park and public buildings, adding that Silwan's biblical links made it "an important historical site".

Nader Abu Diab, who also received a demolition order, lives in fear of the knock on the door from municipal inspectors.

"My grandchildren ask me questions and I can't answer them. They're children. What can I tell them? That they're going to demolish our home?" Abu Diab, 55, said.

His brother, Fakhri Abu Diab said he applied seven times for an Israeli permit to expand his home in Silwan "but it was always rejected". He added that over a hundred Palestinians could become homeless if the current round of demolitions continues. The future of another East Jerusalem neighbourhood, Sheikh Jarrah, was one of the flashpoints at the heart of fighting between Israel and Palestinian militants last month.

Tigray forces seize regional capital, say Ethiopian-led troops are on the run

● Tigray capital under full control of TPLF, spokesman says

● Government forces being persuaded

Reuters | Gondar, Ethiopia

Tigrayan forces said they had Ethiopian government troops on the run around the regional capital Mekelle yesterday after taking full control of the city in a sharp reversal of eight months of conflict.

People in Mekelle, where communications were cut on Monday, said the incoming Tigrayan fighters were greet-



A woman carries an infant as she queues in line for food, at the Tsehaye primary school, which was turned into a temporary shelter for people displaced by conflict, in the town of Shire, Tigray region, Ethiopia

ed with cheers. Video footage from a resident in the northern town of Shire who said government-allied Eritrean forces had pulled out showed similar scenes.

"We are 100% in control

of Mekelle," Getachew Reda, spokesman for the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), told Reuters on Tuesday.

There had been some fighting on the outskirts of the city, but that was now finished, he said,

adding that he could not confirm the report from Shire.

"Our forces are still in hot pursuit to south, east, to continue until every square inch of territory is cleared from the enemy," he said.

Aid agencies would be given full access to Tigray, he added. The fighting in Ethiopia's northern region has killed thousands of people, displaced two million and brought hundreds of thousands to the brink of famine.

Ethiopia's government declared a unilateral ceasefire on Monday and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said he hoped a political solution could be found. Diplomats said the UN Security Council would meet to discuss Tigray this week.

CELEBS

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Jennifer Aniston says she didn't understand Matthew Perry's 'level of anxiety' while filming 'Friends'

ANI | Washington

Actors Jennifer Aniston and Matthew Perry have known each other for over 25 years now, but there are still some things Aniston is discovering about her former 'Friends' co-star. As per Us Weekly, Aniston recently explained that she had no idea that Perry struggled with anxiety throughout the filming process, which he revealed during the 'Friends' reunion special episode. "I didn't understand the level of anxiety and self-torture that was put on Matthew Perry, if he didn't get that laugh and the devastation that he felt," the 52-year-old star said during the Thursday episode of the Today show.



Aniston said that looking back, his admission "makes a lot of sense," but she didn't know it at the time. During 'Friends: The Reunion', Perry said that he used to "go into convulsions" if

"I didn't understand the level of anxiety and self-torture that was put on Matthew Perry, if he didn't get that laugh and the devastation that he felt"

JENNIFER ANISTON

the studio audience didn't laugh at his jokes as Chandler while the show taped. "To me, I felt like I was going to die if they didn't laugh," he said in the HBO Max special, which debuted in May. He added while making the revelation, "And it's not healthy, for sure." His castmates replied that they didn't know how much

pressure he felt to deliver. "You didn't tell us that then," Lisa Kudrow, who played Phoebe Buffay on the show, told him.

The 'Go On' alum struggled with addiction during his time on 'Friends', which aired from 1994 to 2004. He became addicted to Vicodin in 1997 after an injury and checked into rehab later that year. In 2000, he was hospitalized for pancreatitis resulting from his alcohol abuse, and the following year, he went back to rehab.

"I didn't get sober because I felt like it," he told The New

York Times in 2002. "I got so-ber because I was worried I was going to die the next day."

He returned to rehab a third time in 2011, and two years later, he turned his Malibu home into a men's sober living facility called Perry House.

"I've had a lot of ups and downs in my life and a lot of wonderful accolades," he told The Hollywood Reporter in 2013.

He added, "The best thing about me is that if an alcoholic comes up to me and says, 'Will you help me stop drinking?' I will say,



Matthew Perry

"Yes. I know how to do that." After 'Friends: The Reunion' premiered, director Ben Winston defended Perry from internet users who commented on his appearance in the special.

"He was great," the producer said during a May episode of The Hollywood Reporter's 'TV Top 5' podcast.

He added, "People can sometimes just be unkind. I wish they weren't. I loved working with him. He's a brilliantly funny man and I thought he had some great one-liners in the show. I felt just happy and lucky to be in his presence and directing him on something like this."

'Friends' originally aired for 10 seasons on NBC from 1994 to 2004. The beloved sitcom followed the story of six friends in their 20s and 30s who live in Manhattan, New York City.

Vanessa Kirby joins Hugh Jackman, Laura Dern for Florian Zeller's 'The Son'

ANI | Washington

Hollywood actor Vanessa Kirby has joined the cast of 'The Son', Florian Zeller's follow up to his acclaimed directorial debut 'The Father', that won Oscars and BAFTAs for both best-adapted screenplay and leading actor.

According to Variety, Kirby, who was recently Oscar-nominated for 'Pieces of a Woman', has joined the cast alongside actors Hugh Jackman and Laura Dern, who were previously announced.

The film will be adapted once again by Zeller and Christopher

Hampton from another of Zeller's stage plays which is part of a trilogy of family-focused stories that also includes 'The Mother'.

'The Son' reveals Peter (Hugh Jackman) as his busy life with new partner Beth (Vanessa Kirby) and their baby is thrown into disarray when his ex-wife Kate (Laura Dern) turns up with their teenage son, Nicholas.



Zeller said, "Vanessa Kirby is for me a very great actress: intense, inventive and powerful. I am especially happy to take her on this cinematic adventure." See-Saw Films' Oscar-winning duo Iain Canning and Emile Sherman along with Joanna Laurie are producing the movie with Christophe Spadone and Zeller. Film4 is also co-financing the production.

John Cena reveals how he kept his 'F9' role a secret while filming

ANI | Washington

John Cena recently revealed how he managed to keep his huge role in 'F9' under wraps during filming for the new movie.

The star explained that he had to hide a prop between takes in order to keep his 'F9' role a secret, reported Us Weekly.

In the ninth 'Fast and Furious' installment, Cena plays Jakob Toretto, the long-lost brother of Vin Diesel's Dom. The character wears the family cross in the film, but the WWE star knew that he couldn't let fans see the prop early.

"It's amazing that that one piece of jewelry has so much energy and gravity around it," he told Digital Spy

on Friday.

He added, "That was the one thing I put on before they said roll and as soon as they said cut, I would take it off, and that was how we kept everything under wraps."

Diesel's character wears the necklace in nearly every 'Fast and Furious' film. It brought back his love Letty's (Michelle Rodriguez) memory in one film and served as a tracking device in another. However, the silver and diamond cross always represents love and family.

"After every take, take it off, hide it, give it to someone," Cena recalled.

He added, "The costumes are the costumes and they can be whatever you needed it to be, but if there was ever a candid with a coffee in my hand and the cross, that's a dead giveaway."



John Cena

YOU KNOW WHAT

In the ninth 'Fast and Furious' installment, Cena plays Jakob Toretto, the long-lost brother of Vin Diesel's Dom

The Toretto cross isn't the only part of the franchise that won't be forgotten. Paul Walker's character, Brian O'Conner, is still alive in the 'Fast and Furious' universe. The latest installment references him as the parent staying at home with his and Mia's (Jordana Brewster) son.

The movie ends (spoiler alert) with the traditional family dinner, but there's an empty seat. "Hold on," Dom says. "There's still an empty chair."

Mia replies, "He's on the way." Brian's signature blue Nissan Skyline pull into the driveway before the credits roll.

Paris Hilton: Didn't know that I'd become highest-paid female DJ in the world

IAN5 | Los Angeles

Socialite and entrepreneur Paris Hilton has talked about her love for DJing. She says she simply followed her passion and that playing music and performing has always been her superpower.

Paris posted a picture of her playing music in a club on Instagram late Saturday night, according to India time. She looks drop-dead-gorgeous in an

electric blue outfit paired with sunglasses and bejeweled earphones.

"When I first decided to learn to DJ, I simply followed my passion, my love for music and the joy I felt being able to light up a room and share that energy with others. Playing music and performing has always been my superpower," Paris wrote alongside the image. She says she did not know she would become the highest paid female DJ in the world.



Paris Hilton:

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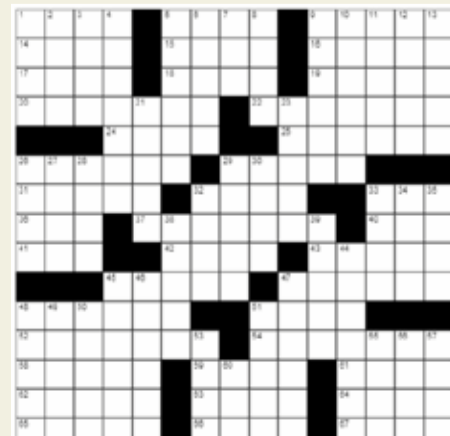
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Fernandinho signs Man City contract extension



Fernandinho
AFP | London

Manchester City captain Fernandinho has signed a one-year contract extension at the Premier League champions, saying he has unfinished business at the club.

The deal keeps the 36-year-old Brazilian at the Etihad Stadium until 2022 and he is targeting another shot at the Champions League after City lost to Chelsea in their first final in the competition last month.

"In my head and my mind, the job is not done yet and so that's why I decided to stay here another year and try to help the team and the club to achieve the goals that they're looking for," said Fernandinho.

"In my point of view, we can do that, there's still places to improve and to get those targets."

He added: "If I can keep doing the same way, leading them inside the pitch, off the pitch, to help them to improve and get better and to perform better during the games, I would be the most happy person there."

England reach Euro 2020 quarters to end Germany curse

England beat Germany as Sterling and Kane send them to Euro 2020 last eight

● Raheem Sterling and Harry Kane scored the second half goals that earned England a quarter-final berth in Rome next Saturday

AFP | London

Raheem Sterling and Harry Kane fired England into the Euro 2020 quarter-finals as they sealed a 2-0 win against Germany that ended decades of hurt at the hands of their bitter rivals yesterday.

Sterling struck with 15 minutes left in a tense last 16 tie at Wembley before Kane clinched England's first knockout stage victory over Germany since 1966.

In the 55 years since England beat the Germans in the World Cup final, the Three Lions had endured a painful litany of defeats against Die Mannschaft when the stakes were highest.

England were eliminated from the 1970, 1990 and 2010 World Cups by Germany, who also beat them in the Euro 96 semi-finals at Wembley.

But Gareth Southgate's side have finally exorcised the ghosts of Paul Gascoigne's tears and their own manager's penalty miss 25 years ago.

England produced a gritty display capped by clinical finish-



England's Raheem Sterling scores their first goal

es from Sterling, who now has three goals in the tournament, and Kane -- who finally bagged his first of the competition.

England, yet to concede a goal in the tournament, head to Rome on Saturday for a quarter-final against the winners of yesterday's other last 16 tie between Sweden and Ukraine.

Chasing a first major international trophy since 1966, England's side of the draw looks wide open, with a potential semi-final against Denmark or the Czech Republic unlikely to strike fear into their hearts.

It was only England's second knockout stage win in the history of the European Championship and their first victory over Germany at Wembley since 1975.

For Germany manager Joa-

chim Loew, it was an agonising end to his reign as he prepares to step down after the tournament.

Always keen to deflect attention, Southgate will have relished his moment of redemption, especially since his decision to switch to a three-man defence to match up with the German formation paid off.

With the vast majority of the 40,000 crowd supporting England, the players walked out to a wall of sound that included a hostile reception for the German national anthem.

- Knockout blow -

England needed a tone-setting moment to ease their visible anxiety early on and Sterling provided it as he drove forward for a 25-yard blast that forced a fine save from Manuel Neuer.

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BETTER YOU KNOW

In the 55 years since England beat the Germans in the World Cup final, the Three Lions had endured a painful litany of defeats against Die Mannschaft when the stakes were highest

With Harry Maguire winning a series of thunderous headers and tackles and Bukayo Saka probing intelligently on the right flank, England gradually took control.

However, Germany almost snatched the lead as Kai Havertz played an inch-perfect pass to Timo Werner inside the England area.

But Werner endured a dismal first season in front of goal for Chelsea and once again he was unable to produce a precise finish as he shot straight at Jordan

Pickford.

A misplaced pass from Thomas Mueller sent Sterling scamparing through the Germany defence on the stroke of half-time.

Yet when the ball ran to Kane, he was too slow to apply the finishing touch as he rounded Neuer and Mats Hummels' tackle snuffed out the danger.

Havertz's blistering half-volley forced a superb tip over from Pickford soon after the interval.

It was Saka who made way when Southgate made his first change, sending on Jack Grealish in a game-defining moment.

Grealish's presence immediately brought more energy to England and in the 75th minute they finally delivered the knockout blow.

Grealish worked the ball wide to Luke Shaw and his low cross reached Sterling, who pounced with a clinical close-range finish to send Wembley into ecstasy.

Mueller should have equalised when Havertz's pass sent him clean through, but the Bayern Munich star rolled his shot wide and fell to the turf in dismay.

Kane made Mueller pay in the 86th minute as he finished off a lethal England counter-attack with a diving header past Neuer from Grealish's cross.

France knocked out of Euro 2020 on penalties

Switzerland's Sommer saves Mbappe's penalty to send France crashing out

● Swiss came back from two down to shock the world champions

AFP | London

Switzerland defeated world champions France 5-4 on penalties in the last 16 of Euro 2020 on Monday as Kylian Mbappe missed the decisive spot-kick in the shootout following a thrilling 3-3 draw in Bucharest.

Mario Gavranovic equalised in the 90th minute as Switzerland came from two goals down before Yann Sommer saved Mbappe's penalty to book Switzerland a quarter-final clash against Spain.

"It was an incredible evening. I am so proud of the team," said goalkeeper Sommer.

"At 3-1 nobody believed in us anymore, but before the match we said we'll fight until the end whatever happens."

Haris Seferovic had given Vladimir Petkovic's Switzerland a shock lead on 15 minutes but Ricardo Rodriguez's spot-kick was brilliantly saved by Hugo Lloris early in the second half.

Karim Benzema, recalled to the France squad for the tourna-



France's Kylian Mbappe has a penalty saved by Switzerland's Yann Sommer

ment after a five-and-a-half-year international exile, then struck a quick-fire double to put the Euro 2016 finalists back on track.

Paul Pogba's sensational curling effort made it 3-1, but Switzerland forced extra time as Seferovic grabbed his second of the game before Gavranovic levelled in the final minute.

Switzerland converted all five of their penalties before Sommer dived to his right to turn away Mbappe's kick, as the Swiss won a major tournament knockout tie for first time in 83 years.

"The two goals came very quickly after the missed penalty. For normal players it's almost

impossible to come back from, but today we were a great team and everyone gave it everything," said Petkovic.

Lloris conceded France paid the price for failing to hold on to their two-goal lead.

"It's painful, even more so after a penalty shootout where it becomes a lottery," said Lloris.

"The only regret we can have is that at 3-1 we need to manage the match better. We've been able to close it out in the past few years."

France coach Didier Deschamps controversially switched to a 3-4-1-2 formation designed to extract the

best from his attacking trio of Benzema, Mbappe and Antoine Griezmann, but it was instead Seferovic who gave the Swiss a surprise lead.

Steven Zuber used the space afforded by Rodriguez's overlapping run, clipping in a left-wing cross that Seferovic headed past Lloris after rising all too easily above Clement Lenglet.

After a dismal first half, in which France failed to test Sommer, Deschamps ditched the experiment of three at the back, hauling off Lenglet and introducing Kingsley Coman while reverting to a more familiar 4-4-2.

Lloris saves penalty

But France were indebted to Lloris for sparing them from further trouble after a lung-busting

YOU KNOW WHAT

We showed courage, heart, we left everything out there. When you come back from two goals down against the world champions it is just unbelievable, and then to win on penalties, I could not be prouder of the way we did it

YANN SOMMER

run from Zuber eventually resulted in a penalty for the Swiss when he was brought down by Benjamin Pavard.

Argentine referee Fernando Rapallini immediately pointed to the spot following a VAR review, but Lloris flung himself to his right to claw away Rodriguez's attempt -- the seventh missed penalty of 15 taken at the tournament.

The momentum soon swung sharply in France's favour as Benzema, scorer of both goals in the 2-2 draw with Portugal in the group phase, superbly dragged a pass from Mbappe into his stride, lifting over Sommer to level.

The Real Madrid striker headed France in front two minutes later when Griezmann's dinked effort was turned away by Sommer but only to a waiting Benzema who headed in from point-blank range.

Pogba's magnificent 25-yard strike had France on the cusp of the last eight, but Seferovic powered in a terrific delivery from substitute Kevin Mbabu with nine minutes left to give the Swiss hope.

Gavranovic then had a goal ruled out for offside, but there was no doubting his last-minute equaliser as he skipped past Presnel Kimpembe and drove low beyond Lloris.

Remarkably, Coman nearly won the game with the final kick, rattling the crossbar right at the end of injury time.

An ailing Benzema was withdrawn at the start of extra time for Olivier Giroud, moments before Sommer tipped over superbly to deny Pavard.

Pogba released Mbappe with a piercing pass through the Swiss defence but the Paris Saint-Germain forward sliced wide, with Sommer flying to his right to grasp Giroud's header before his penalty heroics, which came at the expense of the star of France's World Cup triumph in 2018.

Messi at the double as Argentina overrun Bolivia 4-1

Lionel Messi breaks Argentina's record for caps at Copa America win

● Uruguay beat Paraguay 1-0 to set up Colombia Copa America date

TDT | Manama

Lionel Messi celebrated his record 148th international cap with two goals as Argentina trounced Bolivia 4-1 to clinch top spot in Copa America Group A on Monday.

Messi -- who had equalled Javier Mascherano's Argentinian caps record of 147 last week -- marked his 148th appearance in style, setting up the opening goal before bagging a brace of his own.

The victory at Cuiaba's Arena Pantanal stadium sees Argentina advance to a quarter-final on Saturday against Ecuador, the fourth placed finishers from Group B.

Bolivia, who had already been eliminated after three defeats in their opening three games, were outclassed from the outset by a rampant Argentina.

The Argentines almost took the lead after three minutes, only for Bolivia goalkeeper Carlos Lampe to pull off a remarkable double save from Sergio Aguero and Angel Correa in quick succession.

But Argentina did not have to wait long for the breakthrough,



Argentina's Lionel Messi in action during the match

when Messi's delightful chipped pass released Papu Gomez who volleyed past Lampe to make it 1-0 after six minutes.

Argentina doubled their lead on 33 minutes when Gomez was brought down in the area by Bolivia's Diego Bejarano.

Messi duly stepped up to convert the penalty to put Argentina firmly in control.

Bolivia got their first shot on goal shortly afterwards, Jeyson Chura's ferocious long-range effort forcing Argentina goalkeeper Franco Armani into a diving save at full stretch.

But Argentina reasserted their dominance and it was Messi who made it 3-0, latching on to a clever lofted pass from new Barcelona team-mate Aguero and lobbing a cheeky finish over the advancing Lampe.

Bolivia pulled a goal back in the 60th minute with a cleverly worked move, Chura's deft back heel releasing Leonel Justiniano down the right flank where he crossed for Erwin Saavedra to score.

Argentina responded swiftly though, substitute Lautaro Martinez tapping in from close range in the 65th minute just two minutes after coming on for Aguero.

Uruguay ease past Paraguay

An Edinson Cavani penalty sealed an easy 1-0 win for Uruguay against neighbours Paraguay Monday's other Group A game, setting up a quarter-final tie against Colombia.

Despite the narrow scoreline it was a dominant performance from Uruguay, who had the vast

148 appearances have been made by Lionel Messi for Argentina to beat the mark previously held by retired defender Javier Mascherano

majority of chances but struggled to break down Paraguay's stubborn defence.

Uruguay were also lacking a bit of quality in front of goal and had to rely on Cavani's 21st minute spot kick for the win.

The best early chances fell to Giorgian de Arrascaeta, before Nahitan Nández was bundled over in the box for an 18th minute penalty, dispatched by Cavani.

The Manchester United striker made way for Luis Suarez in the 68th minute, but the Atlético Madrid forward was also frustrated in front of goal.

With a narrow lead, Uruguay conceded a late free kick near their goal that gave Paraguay hope of a late draw but the effort came to nothing.

Group A winners Argentina, who beat Bolivia 4-1, will face Ecuador in the last eight, while host nation Brazil will take on Chile in Rio de Janeiro on Friday. Paraguay play Peru the same day.

Barty, Kyrgios lead Australia's Olympic tennis team



Ashleigh Barty in action during a match

AFP | Sydney

World number one Ashleigh Barty confirmed she will compete at the Tokyo Olympics yesterday, headlining an 11-strong Australian tennis team for the Games that includes firebrand Nick Kyrgios.

Barty's announcement comes just a day after four-time gold medallist Serena Williams revealed she would be skipping the Games, which will also be without Spanish great Rafael Nadal.

The 2019 French Open champion Barty, 25, said she intended to compete in both singles and doubles at the Games, adding "I can't wait to be a part of it".

"Competing in an Olympic Games is always a dream as young kids you aspire to," she said.

The Australia team comprises six men and five women, including former US Open champion Sam Stosur who will be going to her fifth Olympic Games at the age of 37.

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ASHLEIGH BARTY

Minaur is the top-ranked Australian man, with the volatile Kyrgios likely to be one of the highest profile male players in the draw, despite his modest ranking of 60.

Both will play singles with De Minaur also featuring in the doubles.

In contrast to veteran Stosur, Barty De Minaur and Kyrgios will all be making their Olympic debuts in Tokyo.

"It's super special being able to represent your country in one Olympics let alone five," said Stosur, who also competed at Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016.

Murray wins first Wimbledon singles match since 2017

AFP | London

Two-time champion Andy Murray won his first Wimbledon singles match since 2017 on Monday with a four-set triumph over Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia.

Murray, the champion in 2013 and 2016 but who has fought a long battle with hip and groin injuries in recent years, triumphed 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 over the 24th seeded Basilashvili.

"It has been extremely tough, even in the last few months," said 34-year-old Murray.

"It was not the most serious of injuries but it was frustrating not to be able to get on the court.

"I have had so little momentum over the last few years but kept on going to the gym and trying to get back to do it again."

Now ranked a lowly 118 in the world, former number one Murray will face either Oscar Otte of Germany or France's Arthur Rinderknech for a place in the last 32.

His last appearance in the singles tournament at Wimbledon four years ago ended in a five-set loss to Sam Querrey in the quarter-finals.

A long-standing hip problem, which required surgery, then pushed him tearfully to the brink of retirement.

But three-time major win-



Andy Murray celebrates his win

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ANDY MURRAY

ner and back-to-back Olympic gold medallist Murray said he

intends to keep playing.

"I keep on being asked will it be my last match or my last Wimbledon," he said.

"I don't know why I keep on being asked. I want to keep on playing. I enjoy it and I can still play at the highest level.

"Basilashvili is ranked 28 in the world and I beat him."

It was a roller-coaster evening for Murray who let slip a 5-0 lead in the third set.

That led to a delay in proceedings to allow for the Centre Court roof to close.

But Murray broke in the first game of the fourth set to send him on his way to victory.

"It's amazing to be back out here playing again on Centre Court," he added.

Fakhreddine takes on arch-rival Maalem for vacant Light Heavyweight title at BRAVE CF 52

TDT | Manama

Mohammad Fakhreddine and Mohamed Said Maalem will finally have the opportunity to settle their differences with gold on the line. They are set to be the main event of BRAVE CF 52: Bad Blood, which takes place in association with The Golden Cage, in Milan, Italy on August 1st.

BRAVE Combat Federation has announced that its Middleweight world champion Fakhreddine will attempt to become a two-division titleholder, as he takes on arch-rival Mohamed Said Maalem with the vacant Light Heavyweight belt on the line.

Their fight was supposed to take place at BRAVE CF 50, but Fakhreddine fell ill during the day of the event, and wasn't able to walk out on fight time.

After the cancellation was announced, Said Maalem went on a tirade, accusing "The Latest" of being disrespectful, and then used his social media profiles to poke fun at Fakhreddine's stomach issues, which ignited a huge feud between both fighters.

"I came today for the belt. I'm here and my opponent isn't here even though he disrespected me and said I don't have any wrestling and any boxing even though I was a respectful person. I wanted to reply to his trash talk and teach some man-



ners in the cage", said "L'Am-biance".

Now he will have another opportunity to rise up to the occasion and become the new Light Heavyweight champion of the world, while making sure his hated counterpart doesn't make history.

For Fakhreddine, it will be a chance to definitively write his name in MMA folklore by becoming the first-ever BRAVE CF simultaneous two-division world champion, something that can define the storied ca-

reer of Middle East's most famous fighter.

With BRAVE CF 52: Bad Blood, Italy becomes the eighth different European country visited by BRAVE Combat Federation, after Northern Ireland, England, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Russia, and Belarus. The show and partnership with The Golden Cage aims to solidify the organization's stance as having the most active MMA market share in Europe, and dedication towards fostering the European mixed martial arts scene.

England ease past Sri Lanka in 1st ODI



England's Chris Woakes celebrates a wicket
AFP | Dubai

England beat Sri Lanka by five wickets in the opening one-day international at Chester-le-Street yesterday to go 1-0 up in a three-match series.

Set a modest target of 186, the 50-over world champions finished on 189-5 with more than 15 overs to spare at the Riverside ground.

Test captain Joe Root, in his 150th ODI, was 79 not out.

Earlier, paceman Chris Woakes took a miserly 4-18 from his maximum 10 overs as Sri Lanka were dismissed for 185.

The series continues with a day/night match at the Oval in south London on Thursday.

Federer survives big scare as Mannarino retires injured

Roger Federer advance to the Wimbledon second round as Adrian Mannarino retires in fifth set

Ashleigh Barty goes through after wobble in emotional first round Wimbledon clash

AFP | London

Eight-times champion Roger Federer survived a massive scare against Adrian Mannarino before advancing to the Wimbledon second round yesterday when the Frenchman retired with a knee injury after slipping on court.

The match was poised at 6-4 6-7(3) 3-6 6-2 with Federer forcing a fifth set before Mannarino, celebrating his 33rd birthday, decided he could not continue.

"It's awful," Federer said in his on-court interview. "It shows that one shot can change the outcome of a match, a season,



Roger Federer stretches for a return against Adrian Mannarino

a career. I wish him all the best and I hope he recovers quickly so we see him back on the courts.

"He could have won the match at the end. Obviously, he was the better player, so I definitely got a bit lucky."

Federer, seeded sixth, was serving with a 4-2 lead in the fourth set when the 41st-ranked Mannarino slipped while attempting a return and twisted his right knee.

The Frenchman received medical attention on Centre

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ROGER FEDERER

Court and limped back to complete the set before shaking hands with Federer, who now has a 7-0 head-to-head record against him.

"You don't get many walkovers throughout a career and you try also not to have it happen to yourself," Federer added. "It's a reminder how quickly it goes. But of course, I'm obviously


happy I can get another chance for another match here.

Australia's Ashleigh Barty overcame a mid-match wobble to reach the second round as rain once again halted play on the outside courts yesterday.

Barty came through 6-1, 6-7 (1/7), 6-1 against Carla Suarez Navarro in a match filled with emotion on Centre Court, whose roof ensured the match could be finished.

Germany's Alexander Zverev eased into the second round of Wimbledon yesterday beating Dutch qualifier Tallon Griekspoor 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 in just 89 minutes.

The 24-year-old French Open semi-finalist had lost to qualifiers at Wimbledon on two occasions -- Ernests Gulbis in the third round in 2018 and to Jiri Vesely in the first round in 2019 -- but he made no mistake this time round.



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